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Preface
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Father Josephs Introduction.

O Dearly Beloved.

Ye who stand as Elders, draw nigh unto me, while I sound forth my word, and make known unto you the will of my Heavenly Father.

In the late Manifestations, you have ben shown many Orders and regulations, that were established by the revelation of God in the begining, or first gathering into gospel Order. And as there has ben a further manifestation of what God requires of His chosen people.

It is the word and will of my Heavenly Father, in union with Mother Ann, Father William, Father James and Mother Lucy, that these Holy Orders be written in one book for their more safe keeping, and for the accomodation of those who do now, or may hereafter stand as Elders, or Leaders.

And God does furthermore require, that these Holy Laws and statutes of Zion shall henceforth be kept sacred, throout all generations, in the hands of those chosen to stand as Elders to His People.

Father Joseph.

In union with all the
Heavenly Parents.

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The Holy Orders of God for his People.

Section II.

The order of God as it respects those who are called as Elders.

1. Those who are called as Elders, are the head of the body.
2. It becomes the duty of the Elders to look to the Ministry for counsel and wisdom, wherewith to guide and direct the family as a body. Therefore it becomes necessary for them at all times to make known unto the Ministry the standing, state & situation of the family in all things both spiritual and temporal, which according to the order established, must all come to the knowledge of the Elders.

3. Those who stand as Elders, must be such persons as have found a fruitful travel in the gospel according to their age and privilege.
4. It is the duty of the Elders, strictly to look too and oversee, the family placed under their care, and to gather the family to them by the rod of correction and arm of love; to teach them their duty, and lead them in the path wherein they should go. To direct all

moves and changes in the family; and to labour and take counsel together in union with the Ministry, to do that which will turn to the general good of each and every individual. To see that good order is kept and supported in all things, and that disorder is checked. To know at all times the state & situation of every one.

5. They must never be so engaged in hand labour as to neglect their duty, which is to stand as a witness between the throne of God and the souls of the people. And their duty as it respects hearing the confessions of sins, is it not written in the Holy Laws sent forth by the will and hand of Almighty God?

Section. II.

The order of God as it respects those who are called as Deacons, Trustees, or traders to do business for the family.

1. All trade and traffick, buying and selling, changeing and swaping, either with the world or with believers without must be done by those who are appointed in the line of order, as overseers, Deacons or Traders, or by their immediate knowledge and consent.

2. Ye shall not buy or bring in any new fashioned thing, without the full union and approbation of the Ministry and Elders. Ye shall not give as presents, (neither shall ye lend never intending to take back) any article from the public store, to any individual in the family. But every one must have according to their needs, in the line of good order, (ie) when it can be conveniently obtained.

3. Ye shall not plead with the lead, the use and necessity of bringing that into the family, that is not owned & blessed, because it is fashionable among the world.

4. But if ye at any time see that which is useful, and necessary for the people of God, make it known to the lead with the exact price of the article what ever it may be, & if they unite, then get it, but if it cannot be owned and blessed by the lead then you must again redeem it to the world.

5. Avoid as much as posible of giving a large and extravigant price for articles that are merely to please the fancy, curiosity or appetite; such as clams, Oysters, sweet potatoes, raisins, Oranges &c &c. If you cannot get these things at a reasonable price let them alone, For there are many things that ye must of necesity get.

6. If ye find a lot of nice crockery, glass ware, muslin or cloth of any kind that ye think good and substantial, and it is suitable for Mothers children to use, hold not back because of the price laid upon them, and leave them to purchase other articles because they are a little cheaper.

7. This my word extends to every thing that may be necesary for you to purchase at the hands of the wicked, ye shall purchase no crockery that has printing on it; ye shall purchase no china ware, nor superfluous cut glass ware.

8. When ye go among the world to do business, ye shall neither trade, lend nor borrow with those who have turned their backs upon the way of God. Neither shall ye sojourn with them at night, nor keep company with them in the day if posible to avoid it.

But if it be really necessary that ye hold conversation with them, do it in such a manner that ye can give correct account of it to your Elders when you return home.

9. When ye resort to taverns, and public places. Ye shall not in any wise blend and gather with the wicked, by uniteing in conversation, jesting and joking talking politicks, disputeing and arguing, inquiring into things which serve to draw your sences from the pure way of God.

10. Ye shall not read News papers and books that are laying about in taverns; for much time is wasted in this way, Observe as much as possible your order of kneeling: And always kneel in prayer twice a day, if you have it to do it at the road side, or in the waggon as you drive along.

11. Be not anxious to have your name sounded abroad in the world, by often writing to them. But you shall use as far as possible your plain family mark or stamp. These letters are in general sufficient for all that you make for sale.

12. Ye shall in all cases and circumstances keep your Order to your selves.

13. Keep all your accounts booked down regular & exact: And as far as possible avoid controversies with the wicked.

14. Ye shall make known unto your Lead, all things concerning your business transactions; and ye shall make known unto your Elders, all things that come under your care and knowledge concerning

the family. And ye shall kep your union and joining to the Elders, considering them even as the mediators between your souls and the throne of God.

15. When any member or members make application to the Deacons or Deaconeses, brethren to the Deacons or articles and sisters to the Deaconeses, for any article, that they may want, either for their own use, or for the accomodation of the rooms in which they live, or the shops in which they work. Such things as have been formed, used and provided for the family, ye shall labor in your wisdom to feel whether the article asked for be really needful.

16. If the member be under twenty five years of age, ye shall make it your invariable rule to inquire how much they have already in posession of the desired article. And if in yor wisdom, ye really feel they stand in need of the desired article, then if ye have it give it freely unto them.

17. But if any thing new is desired, that has not been generally used in the family it shall in no wise enter the door untill freely owned and accepted, by the consent will and approbation of the Ministry & Elders.

18. All work that is done in the family for sale shall be given into the hands of the Deacons & Deaconeses, And the Deacons and Deaconeses shall kep a correct account of all that is made in the family for sale.

19. And ye shall give to the Elders as often as once in four weks a correct account of all matters of importance that have come within your knowledge, concerning the family at large; and of things that

have been called for, and all that ye have given out.
21. And at the end of every year shall ye make known to the Elders, and them to the Ministry, all that has been made in the family for sale.
21. Ye shall not indulge in any wise a partial spirit to give to one more or less than to another. Ye shall not give to one to gratify a craving desire to be in possesion of more than they really need, even to a row of pins. But ye shall consider that ye stand accountable for all partiality or unfair dealings.
21. Ye shall not make any change with any one in their branch and occupation of business, without the full union, knowledge and consent of the Elders. Ye shall bow your spirits in subordination to your Elders, and look to them for your strength & support.
23. Ye shall keep your union and joining together, and the Deacons shall not call upon the Sisters to do any thing without the knowledge of the Deaconesses, and the Deaconesses shall not call upon the brethren, without the knowledge of the Deacons.
24. Ye shall see that suitable food, and suitable furniture are provided for the family, and that it is used, and cooked with good economy.

Section IIII.

The order of God as it respects those who stand in the Family as Physicians or Nurses.

1. As the natural body is ever prone to sickness

and disease, it is highly important that there should be a lot of Physicians appointed, altho it is not expected that every family can have a full lot, but something is to be done in every family. And as there is more or less busines attached to this order, for sale. I shall make known my will concerning it.

2. Ye shall have no Initials, but the family stamp.

3. Ye shall keep a regular and exact account of the Medicine that ye prepare for sale. At the end of the year, this shall be inserted with the rest of the work done in the family.

4. One of the brethren shall be appointed, (with the help that is needed of the sisters) to purchase all that is needed in the medical line, And they shall go in union with the Elders, and give them a strict account of all they get, All kinds of spiritous liquors, Cordials and wines are included.

5. Ye shall never leave home to go to other families without the knowledge of your Elders, their liberty union and approbation. And ye shall also let them know what the disorder or case may be, that ye are called from home to attend to.

6. Ye shall go once in four weeks, to see your Elders and make known to them your state and standing, both in things Spiritual & temporal.

7. I will show you a rule whereby to apply medical aid, If a brother or sister apply to you, being out of health, if you know of any simple immediate remedy, give it freely. But if in your wisdom, you think the brother or Sister must go to the resort of the

sick, ye shall make the thing known to your Elders, and the Elders, and Deaconesses, shall provide some suitable one to take care of the sick.

9. Brethren shall not apply medical aid to Sisters, in any way shape or manner without the full knowledge of the Elders, and the Sisters who officiate in the same calling in the family; and Sisters shall do the same in these respects to the brethren, where there is a Brother Physician.

9. Ye shall at all times give to your Elders a full account of your proceedings with the family in these respects. Bow your spirit in in submission to your Elders and keep your union together.

10. Ye shall in no wise employ the filthy hands of Doctors of the world let the case be what it may, it is utterly forbiden by the Holy Laws of God, except in some extreme case and of this the Lead must decide. If in case ye have a sick child among you, whose parents are among the world, if they desire to have a doctor of the world, then I leave it with the Lead.

11. Ye shall not give medicine to any one when they do not need it, to obtain favor in their sight, neither shall ye withhold from those who really need it, because they are not a favorite of yours.

Remember if you do this thing it shall be counted a great sin unto you when you enter Eternity

Section IV.

The Order of God as it respects those of the family who go out among the world to do business.

1. If the Elders and Deacons, feel to have any one or ones, go out among the world to do business, who ever it may be, shall go in perfect obedience, to the Elders and Deacons, and on their return home they shall give a correct account of every farthing they have spent. And thus shall they bring forward their accounts: the exact price paid for every article they purchased, the exact price they have paid for every meal they eat, lodging, & lodging, with the price of gates & bridges. The number of cents they have paid for Cigars, Tobacco, glasses of beer, candies, raisins, Oranges, Oysters &c &c. none that go out shall buy for themselves, neither shall the Deacons give them liberty to buy for themselves, or for any other person, such things as the following, Silk handkerchiefs, cotton handkerchiefs, Suspenders, looking glasses, drinking glasses, glass lamps, ink stands, pens or pencils, with all other of similar articles. (Spectacles may be bought by liberty if necessary)

2. When two are out together, ye shall as fast as possible, both eat at one table, and at one tavern, and sleep in one bed: And when ye walk in the street keep close together.

3. Ye shall not call into Merchants shops, and inquire the price of articles that ye have no business with nor intend to buy. do not

4. Ye shall not stand loitering and talking in public places, Ye shall not go to see museums and shows, Jails, prisons, poor houses, Asylums, factories, glass-works, navy yards, nor any thing of the kind to gratify your curiosity.

5. But when two of you are out together and duty has caused you to be seperated, when you meet again you shall give to each other, a correct account what your duty and busines has been.

6. And when ye return home ye shall give to your Elders a correct account of all your proceedings before you return into the family. And all your written accounts you shall deliver into the hands of the trustees, with every cent of money you have in your possession, before you return to your abode in the dwelling house.

7. Ye have no more right to buy nor sell, swap nor trade, than any other Members in the family, save by the authority of the leaders in the family, and ye shall give to them a correct account of every cent that ye spend, and the road ye traveled when ye went to do the business which they sent you to do.

Section V.

The Order of God as respects the duty of Members to the Elders Deacons, Physicians, and those who go out upon business.

1. It is the duty of every one to acknowledge and

look to the Elders, as their head and protection in all things, spiritual and temporal, It is the Solemn & Sacred requirements of God, that every member shall keep the door open to the Elders, by a free and honest confession of every ignorant and wilful transgression of the holy and sacred order of the family, you must at all times lay open to them the true state and situation of your minds.

2. Ye shall in no wise judge the word, or will of your Elders, but consider them as mediators, standing between your souls and the throne of God. And ye shall at all times consider it the duty of the Elders to counsel, check or admonish you, if ye in any wise be out of the way.

3. Ye shall not plead the necessity of your own will and way, but yield perfect reconciliation to their gift, and reverence and respect them.

4. It is the duty of Members to render to the Trustees that respect which is due to them, according to the place in which they stand.

The same to the Deacons and Deaconesses.)

5. If a brother wants any thing for accommodation, or because he has need of it, that is in the Deacons line, he shall go to the Deacons and ask honorably for it, if they in their wisdom, think the thing needful, it is their duty to give it. If not then give the reason, and the brother must fal reconciled without it.

6. If you wish for time or liberty to make any little accommodation or convenience for yourselves, or for any one, you shall make known your desire, and

ask the Deacons, and if in their union with the Elders, they give liberty to make what you desire you shall do it freely and as they shall instruct you. By the same rule the Sisters shall apply to the Deaconeses.

7. Ye shall not work as hirelings, in the family, gaining time, and counting it as your own, to spend and use as you please. The employment of every one ought to be rendered as agreeable as possible to their natural talents and faculties and abilities, as far as circumstances will admit, of this the Elders and deacons must judge. And when any one has done a suitable day work at their branch of busines, if they do not wish to do no more at that kind of work, the Deacons and Deaconeses ought to see that some suitable work is provided for them the remainder of the day.

8. And all shall feel it their duty when called upon to let the Deacons & Deaconeses know from day to day how they spend their time and where.

9. When out of health and ye apply to the Physicians or Nurses, Ye shall not make choice of Medicine, but give yourselves up to their wisdom & skill. Ye may make mention of what has done you good heretofore, in similar cases.

Section VII.

The Order of God as it respects Visiting and the Order of Parents & Children.

1. In the work of the present manifestations, it is made known that the Church and Families have not kept that Order and Laws wherein they were first gathered and established, The Order of the Church and Families, were both regulated and established by the gift of God communicated thro Father Joseph, Mother Lucy Father Calvin and Mother Sarah.
2. The call is now to gather up those orders that have ben neglected. The Church are called to gather into their order, and the Families into their Order.
3. It is not in all points required, as to the seperation to be so secluded as in the first gathering of the Church and Families, but there is a work to do.
4. Ye shall not stop in the street, to speak to any one that lives in the Church except on the account of Sickness or some necessary business.
5. Ye shall not go to the Church to visit, nor from family to family, if you go on an errand to the Church ye are to call at the Office and make known your business. If to any other family, avoid being there at meal time as much as possible. But in particular to the gathering Order.
6. If parents have children living in the Church, and they go to visit them, they must go to the Office, and there the visiting must be done.

7. Those children that have arriven to the age of twenty one (ie) those that have had a privilege of some years among believers) shall not call their Parents Father and Mither, but call them by their given name.

8. Children are not to ask their parents for any thing they need. neither before nor after they are of age. But when their parents give them their portion of property and interest. If they have signed the covenant, they are, ther freely to consecrate devote and give up to the use of the Family.

9. When visitors come to visit you, ye shall never again conduct them over and thro' and into every part of your house. Visiting with visitors from a distance shall be done in the Deacons, or meeting rooms.

10. If it is thought proper on any occasion by the Elders and Deacons, to conduct visitors into the kitchen, to see any accommodation that may be there, very well but no further.

11. Ye shall in all circumstances be very carful not to make known to Societies or other families, your gift orders or regulations.

12. Use visitors handsomely but not extravigantly. Never set a table for visitors with more than eight or nine different kinds of food upon it at once.

13. No sending or giving of presents, neither receiving of present, is to be done by any individual member in the family. But if you have wherewith to make a present to other believers, let it be a publick and united gift from the family.

Section VII.

The Order of God as it respects the Schooling and bringing up of children among Believers.

1. Children in the Church must be Schooled by themselves, seperate from those in the different families, as far as circumstances will permit, the boys in the winter and the girls in the summer, three or four months, according to the judgment of the Lead.

2. I say and hear ye my word, Reading, writing, a mall portion of grammer, a small portion of arithmatic and geography, with a very small portion of some little religious historical work, are plenty sufficient for any child. If any one wishes, and has a genius that way, to study Bottany, so as to enable him to gather roots & herbs, in union with the Lead I have nothing to say.

3. But of all these things ye shall not study to any greater extent than the Ministry and Elders judge will be of use to each and every one. And ye who have the charge of the School shall devote your time to teaching your scholars, and not to studying yourselves.

4. Ye shall not receive a certificate, and draw School money fom the hands of the wicked. Ye shall no more spend your time and tallents to render your selves dependant on the world, for the education of the children that as a deed of charity ye take in among you.

5. Ye shall make use of the New Testament as a

general reading book. Teach the children the names of their Heavenly Parents, where they come from, where they settled &c. And it will be of more use to them than many of the things they have lately been taught.

6. Ye shall not buy picture books, with large flourishing and extravagant pictures in them. The little primers are sufficient.

7. Ye shall not allow music to be introduced as a School study: And ye shall not study at all, Chymestry, Phronology, Mythology, Stenography or any thing of the kind

8. Ye shall see that children that ye take are well taken care of, whether they are kept in order by themselves or not.

9. Children under the immediate charge of caretakers shall be let alone by the rest of the family, as respects talking, uniting and associating with them.

Section VIII.

The order of God as it respects Union supported by brethren and sisters, and between brethren & sisters.

1. Brethren shall not present themselves to support union with the Sisters, when they have ought one against another. And Sisters shall not present themselves, to support union with the brethren, when they have ought one against another.

2. Ye shall have your union strong and nothing shall stop its free circulation, brethren with brethren

and sisters with sisters, then you can support a pure Holy Godly union together.

3. If brethren want help or favors of much importance of the sisters, they shall make application to those that have care, and are leaders in the family. The same Order is for the sisters, if they need brethrens help in any case that will take more than half an hour or there about.

4. But for heavy branches of business carried on at the Wash house by the sisters, The leaders or caretakers ought to see that there is a suitable help from the brethren.

5. Brethren shall not call upon the sisters to do any chores out of their common line of business; And sisters shall not call upon Brethren to do little trifling notions for them. But for all these things brethren & sisters shall apply to those that have care in the family.

6 Brethren shall not reserve to themselves any spot of ground where on they may raise Muskmellons, Water-mellons, corn grape vines or any thing of the kind, to prepare and give to some favorite. But if ye have of these things, give them into the hands of the care takers, that all may have an equal share. Peaches, Pears, Plumbs, Walnuts, Chesnut, butternut beachnuts &c. ought to be gathered, and divided, when there is but few; but when they are plenty see that all have a suitable supply, after which if any one wishes to gather any of the above nuts in union with their Elders or leaders in the family they may do it freely. But no buying or selling is to be done,

of nuts &c, either in the family or out, by individuals, if any are to be sold let be done in the same way all other trading is done. The same if any is to be bought.

7. When the apples are gathered for winter, let some one be appointed to take the oversight, or care of gathering the apples, see that a sufficient quantity are put up for the kitchen. next gather plenty of suitable apples for to eat. If there is any particular kinds, let them be divided so that all may have an equal share.

8. Sisters two or three in number, shall not go to the brethrens shops to partake of any of those things. Neither shall brethren go to sisters shops for that purpose.

9. A brother and sister shall not have any conversation together, without a third person present to bear them company.

10. Ye shall not judge your Elders, Deacons brethren nor Sisters. Ye shall not speak evil one of another. Ye shall not tattle, nor tell tales to stir up and make mischief, Ye shall not bring up faults and failings that have been confessed and put away, Ye shall not open your minds, complaints or dificulties one to another, but only to the Elders in the line of Order.

11. If brethren have ought to open concerning any sister, they shall open it to their Elder brethren: and sisters to their Elder sisters. Ye shall not talk aggravating one to another.

12. Ye shall not make use of these vain fabling expressions used by the children of this world to express surprise or animation, such as my " My conscience!

My gracious! God heavens! Lord have Mercy! &c.

13. Ye shall not use rough filthy or vulgar words, nor tell nasty filthy stories formed by the wicked, that will serve to draw your mind from the pure way of God. Nor tell light vain nonsensical stories, that you & every body else knows there is no truth in.

14. All your conversation shall be free, simple & Godly, Ye shall not use by words that by chance you may have heard among the wicked. Ye shall not lay each other in the lie. Ye shall not give way to your tempers when in a fit of anger to vent your rage by making an ungodly use of your tongue.

15. Ye shall not give presents to each other, between brethren and sisters, nor lend things to each other (never intending to take them back again.) without the knowledge of your Elders.

16. Ye shall not swap, change give nor take, neither brethren with brethren, nor sisters with Sisters, nor between brethren and Sisters, any books, clothes, nor tools of any description, without the knowledge & consent of the Elders and Deacons, or care taker.

17. Ye shall not stop in the halls to hold conversation, neither brethren with brethren, nor Sisters with Sisters, nor brethren and sisters together.

18 Ye shall not have any mysteries and primers on hand unknown to the Elders brethren and sisters; neither in your words actions or gestures.

19. Brethen and Sisters, are not to work, or to be together at an unreasonable time, without liberty from the Elders.

20 Ye shall not in any wise make a ridicule or treat with resentment, the aged infirm or deaf, if you do, remember in Eternity it will be counted to you as a great sin.

21. Do not compare your Brethren and Sisters to filthy vagalonds of the world.

Section IX.

The Order of God as respects retireing Rooms. The hours of surporting Union &c.

1. Ye shall rise in the morning at the sound of the bell, brethren shall leave their rooms soon as convenient, which can always be, within fifteen minutes, unless in cases of sickness, go to their shops, or other places of busines. In half an hour after the bell rings, the Sisters can go to the brethrens rooms to make the beds &c.

2. Ye shall leave your work, and prepare for your meals, when the ten minute bell rings, ye shall go to your meals in the fear of God.

3. Ye shall have no talking, laughing, sneering, winking, hanging and lounging on the banisters or railings, no huging and fawning over each other when going to or from the table.

21. Before sitting down at the table ye shall kneel in solemn prayer, placeing your pocket handkerchef on your seat: close your eyes and devote your spirit to God.

5. Have no whispering, laughing, sneering or winking carried on at the table. From breakfast and dinner, brethren and Sisters shall return immediately to their shops, or other places of labor, not stop to lounge about in the kitchen, the halls, or on the outside steps, at the house or shops.

6. In the winter when the evenings are dark, the Sisters shall remain in their rooms, and there have some suitable employment, But the brethren are to return to their Shops, till the signal bell rings, for union or retiring time. Then they are to see that their Shops are left safe, that the little door to the stove is shut, the spit box not left under the stove hearth, nor should it ever be put there.

7. Every thing being left secure from fire, thieves or weather, gather into the house for the night.

8. No smoking shall be done at the shops under an hour previous to leaving them.

9. If Brethren have an errand to the sister, or sisters to the brethrens shops, they shall not stay to spend their time in needless conversation, fifteen minutes is as long as ever brethren or Sisters ought to spend in each others Shops, without the knowledge and liberty of the Elders.

10. If brethren and Sisters wish to sing a song over together, one side of singing meeting, let it be understood, and all in the room must attend without work; three quaters of an hour is sufficient, extraordinaries excepted.

11. When ye attend to the order of retireing before

meeting, ye shall be ready half an hour before meeting time.

12. Ye shall sit erect in your chairs with your hands folded, attend to the reading of the hymn or anthem, that is to be sung in meeting if you know what it is, but have no talk.

13. Ye shall not doze nor sleep, nor idly lounge in retiring time. Ye shall go into meeting in the fear of God, have no talking laughing, sneering, winking, squinting, or blinking, hanging on the banisters or railings, hanging or fanning over each other, shall be done while going to meeting.

14. When you come together to support, union your conversation shall be free, open and general thro out the room. No private union to be supported. Or whispering, squinting, or blinking is to be carried on by brethren, nor Sisters, or brethren and sisters, in union time or any other time.

15. No sitting cros legged, nor in any other awkward posture, but in straight ranks.

16. None are to spend the hours of union meeting in reading or singing, unless there is a willingness for it by the company. But if a brother or sister wishes to sing over a new song, the company ought to be willing to give up twenty minutes to the devotion of it if it is needed.

17. After union meeting, and general meeting is over at night, ye shall all gather into your own rooms, kneel down together as much as possible, and retire to rest at one time as far as consistent. After meeting

there shall be no unnecessary talking, and no vain laughing, and no frolicking, on any occasion - And after going to bed, ye shall not speak one unnecessary word, without bringing you under the responsibility of getting up and kneeling again

18. When ye lie down ye shall lie strait and decent, and in the fear of God. Ye shall in no wise suffer yourselves, to do any thing in thought word or action, to tempt each other, or the adversary of your souls.

19. Ye shall not leave the rooms where you live or the Shops where you work, without letting some one know where you are a going.

20. Ye shall at all times be careful not to mar nor destroy the furniture in your rooms, or Shops. Ye shall not waste, squander, or throw away your own time, earnings or labour, nor the time earnings of another.

21 - Brethren and Sisters shops shall not be under the same roof.

Section X.

Suitable Furniture for Retiring Rooms.

1. And this is the order after which your retiring rooms shall be furnished.

2. Bed steads painted green, Comfortables of a brownish shade. Blankets for out side spreads, blue & white but not checked or striped. Plain - splint, bark, list or tape bottomed chairs, are preferable to any

other kind. One rocking chair is sufficient in a room except where the aged reside.
3. A good and convenient table, a round stand, a small lamp stand may be attached to the wood work if desired. One looking Glass, which ought not to exceed eighteen inches, but fourteen for small rooms, and sixteen for large rooms, one large enough, if for any use a small one is needed, let it be put in the public cupboard, in the room.
4. Two or three clothes brushes in a room are sufficient. Window curtains, white or of a blue or green shade, but not checked nor striped. One good Glass Lamp, and two if necessary. One or two plain and decent chair mats for every room if desired.
5. Carpets made of wool warp, shall not exceed three colors, black green and red, the red and green twisted together, the black by its self, when warped, mix one thread of black and one thread of red and green, or two threads just as you like best, but not exceed two. The filling coarse tow, colored brown.
6. Carpets made of rags not to exceed two colours. One piece may be red and green, another of Drab and butternut, or Drab and gray, or mix them as you desire, but two colours in one piece of carpet are sufficient. The binding yarn ought to be of two colors, and the binding may be if necessary.
7. There should be provided for every room a suitable number of the following books, according to the judgments of those who stand in care.

Bibles.	Testimonies of the Church.
Testaments.	Ancients of the people.
Christs second appearing	Dictionary.
Milenial Church.	Grammer.
Kentucky Revival.	Spelling Book.
Plain Evidence.	Mares Dialogues.

These are sufficient to be placed in any Retiring Rooms.

6. No maps, charts, printings, writings, and no paintings shall ever be hung up in your dwelling rooms, Shops nor Office.

9. No printing set in frames, with glass before them, shall ever be among you.

10. News papers ye shall not read, nor cause to be read in your retiring rooms on any condition.

11. The charge and management of these things belongs to the Elders, Eldresses, Deacons, and Deaconesses, in the family. It may be necessary to have more than one table in a room. but of this the Elders and Deacons must be the judges.

12. The Deaconesses shall see to the providing of Carpets, for if every one has a selfish interest, and make a carpet this way and that, to please the fancy, there will be much wasted: And no particular

rule for making carpets can ever be maintained.
13. Ye shall have the Carpets that belong to one room as near alike as possible.
14. Ye shall see that every room is provided with a tin box to put friction matches in, and they are never to be lain down but in the Box.

Section XI.

The Order of God as it respects Locks & keys in the dwelling House & Shops.

1. Ye shall not have in the dwelling house any Locks and keys, by which ye may close any thing, that another may not open it.
2. Ye shall not lock, nor in any other way, fasten, or cause to be fastened any cupboard, drawer, Chest or writing box belonging to individuals.
3. But where public stores are kept, let the doors, chests, cupboards and drawers be secured by Locks & keys: they shall be kept locked, and by no means carelessly left open or unsecured; Where the allowance of tea, and Sugar, is kept in the kitchen it shall also be secured under lock and key.
4. Cider shall be kept under lock and key, and in the care of some faithful and trusty brother.
5. The cupboard provided to keep medicine in, shall also be secured, and never unlocked but by the hand of the Physician, But cupboards in the kitchen where dishes are kept for public use shall not be locked.

6. No person or persons shall have any private interest under lock and key secretly.

7. Brethren may have a button over the latch of the inside door, this with a good firm lock on the outside door is sufficient. No Cellars or room, used by the Physician to keep Spirit, medicine, wines &c in, should ever be left ten minuets when they are not present, without being locked.

8. Ye shall not lock your cupboards, chests, or tool boxes, at the Shops except by the counsel or advise of the Elders. Save at the Machine shops, where the world, and those out of the families occasionally work.

9. But good Order does injoin that no one should take from any shop, any tool, of any sort kind or description, without the knowledge liberty and union of the one who works with, and takes care of the tool or tools.

10. When any one has borrowed a tool and has done with it, they are immediately to return it, and make it known if they have harmed or injured it.

11. Ye shall not live as thieves, in the house of the Lord, having every thing ye are entrusted with hoarded to yourselves as private interest, and secured under the power of locks and keys.

Section XII.

The Order of God as it respects superfluities, that have been purged out, and must never again be gathered in among the people of God.

1. There shall never again be bought,

Silver Pencils.
Silver tooth Picks. *
Silver Spoons.
Silver Thimbles.
Watches of any kind.
Brass knobs or handles of any Size. ‡
Three bladed knives.
Knife handles with writing or picturing on them.
Pocket Books
Bone or horn handled knives (made among ourselves)
Bone or horn spools.
Writing Desks.
Superfluous Whips.
Marbled tin ware.
Flowered, Marbled books, or boxes marbled.
Bought paper Boxes of any kind made by the world.
Gay silk handkerchiefs.
Green Vails.
Bought gingham or calico gowns
Do. Gingham or calico, or sarcasia
Bombazet or bombazin aprons.
Sircasian or Bombazett coats, frocks or trowsers. *
Bought cotton handkerchiefs either light or dark colored for sisters use. x
Lace for Cap borders.
Silk Gloves,
Striped or bought Suspenders

* Necessary dentist tools he must be kept by the Physicians also ear picks.
‡ But ye may use small brass nails.
* Ye may use Sircasian or such like for sisters riding gowns, but for nothing else.
x This has no reference to brethrens handkerchiefs.
The pre mentioned things are at present utterly forbiden. But if at any time it be the will of the Lord to bring any of these things in again
Amen even so let it be

Section XIII.

Articles which shall not be owned as the private property of any individual, nor moved from room to room, and place to place without liberty of those that have the lead in the family.

A set of Joiners and Carpenters tools.
A work Bench.
Cupboards, Chests.
Cases of Drawers.
Tables, Chairs & Stands.
Trunks, foot Stools.
Flat Irons.
Glass Lamps &c.
Clothes Brushes.
Looking Glasses.
Beds and bedding
Carpets, Mats &c.
Umbrellars.

1. These are the things which the Order of God forbids any one owning as private property, or individual interest, nor move or carry about with you from place to place only by liberty of those appointed to see to these things.

2. It shall be the indispensible duty of the Elders and Deacons, (or leaders,) to see and know that every one is provided with suitable tools, accomodation and conveniences for carrying on any branch of busines that they are called to do. Give them liberty to make or get made for them any thing that is profitable or necessary. But no individual shall at any time make or get made, bring in or cause to be brought in any new fashion of tool, article or accomodation, without

the full knowledge union and approbation of those that are leaders in the family.

Common tools may be repaired as far as necessary or consistent.

Section XIV.

A few words respecting clothes owned by individuals, and the Order of making &c.

1. There has been sent unto you, written by the hands of Father Joseph and Mother Lucy, a correct list of the number and apartment of clothes. Yea of wearing apparel of all sorts and kinds necessary for any brother and Sister to be in possession of, that is called to dwell in my Zion.

2. For I say unto you, ye are not the true heirs of the Kingdom, if ye multiply to yourselves treasures of this worlds goods.

3. Ye shall not wear Silk hat bands, save on your fur hats: nor shall ye wear bands of silk, or drab worsted tape on your everyday wool hats, drab worsted cord is good enough and Sufficient.

4. Ye shall not wear drab colored hat bands, or bindings, on your summer hats. but ye shall wear white cotton tape, or it may be turned a light shade of coperas if desired.

The rule for marking clothes, tools &c.

5. Blue and white thread are sufficient for marking clothes.

6. Ye shall not put any thing but two figures for the date, ye shall not dot, stroke or flourish, or otherwise adorn or embelish any marks that ye may make.

7. Ye shall if possible pick out, scour off or shave off, any mark of another upon any tool or garment that may come in your posession. If you retain any of these marks, it must be by the knowledge & liberty of your Elders. The two first letters of your name are generally sufficient to put upon any tool, or garment.

8. Ye shall use no printed names, but shall write them in a plain modest style.

9. Ye shall not print your name on any thing whatever, that others may hereafter know the work of your hands.

10. Brethren shall not stamp their names, nor the first letters of their names, upon any thing which they make that belongs to the sisters, such like as shoes, books, rulers, Yard sticks, nor any thing of the kind.

11. The date of the year, and only two figures of this is sufficient to put upon any thing.

12. Sisters shall not use cloths that have their marks on them, to do up and put away brethrens clothes in, nor keep brethrens with their own.

13. Ye shall not mark at all your work baskets, work boxes spool stands, needle cushions, pin cushions, rulers &c.

14. No tools used by carpenters and joiners, shall be marked for individuals. And but very

few tools used by brethren need to be marked. Hoes, rakes, forks, sythes, &c may be marked to prevent being scattered and lost, but not owned as individual interest.

Section XV.

Concering Books, News papers, reading, writing &c.

1. A Journal may be kept by order of the Deacons and Deaconeses, (or care takers,) in the family.
2. In these journals, all the work transactions and proceedings of a temporal nature shall be correctly recorded.
3. Gardners may keep their own accounts and records, but they must be handed in every year to the Deacons, and be booked down with the rest of the family accounts & records.
4. A Journal of Spiritual and Sacred things may be kept by the order of the Elders.
5. One News paper may be taken by the family, and where there is an Office, let it be kept by the Deacons,* and if it contains any extraordinary account, it shall be carried to the Elders, and they shall see that some suitable place in the brethrens Shop, is appointed where it may be read to all that wishes to hear it. And then to the sisters shop in like manner, after this it shall be returned to the Office, No one is to go to the Office and call for the paper and there read it, or take it away

* Where there is no Office, let there be some order appoin- ted.

to read, one side of the Order here written.

6. Ye shall not read Newspapers in the dwelling house. Ye shall not borrow books of any kind, writ or description from the Church or from any other family, and by no means from the world.

7. Ye shall read no books or phamphlets of any description, except those that are placed in your room, without the knowledge and approbation of your Elders.

8. Almanacks shall be inspected by the Elders when first bought, and if they contain any thing unsuitable to be in the house, it shall be cut out before they are placed in the rooms, and before any one has seen them. And what you cut out of them ye shall burn.

9. Brethren and Sisters shall not write for or to each other. If brethren need instruction in reading or writing they shall receive it from the brethren, and if Sisters need instruction they shall receive it from the Sisters. The same in respect to musick where there are brethren and Sisters that understand it, but where there are only brethren, that understand the rules, they may teach the Sisters in this manner, the Elders shall direct who are to learn musick, the place where and the time when: The same rule is for the Sisters, if the brethren do not understand.

10. Ye may make plain bound books for writing hymns, anthems, Journals and decent Books &c.

11. No gilding, printing, writing, nor marking of names on bookcovers, neither the names of

individuals, nor the name or use of the books.
12. No writing is to go out or come into the family without the knowledge of the Elders.

Section XVI.

The order as it respects work done by Brethren and Sisters: Also between brethren & Sisters, and their rights & privileges.

1. Brethren shall oversee the buildings throout the Church, of all kinds, houses, shops, sheds &c. Sisters may ask or desire, but shall not in any wise Order or dictate.
2. Brethren shall build the houses, and paint the out side of them. Sisters shall clean them, & assist in staining the inside. Sisters shall clean brethrens shops twice in a year. The Brethren sweep them ery day, brush as much as necessary, and clean the spit boxes. Brethren shall wash in their shops: Sisters in theirs, or their rooms.
3. Brethren and sisters shall gather and pick up the Apples.
4. Brethren shall manage their own business and concerns, and sisters shall manage theirs.
5. Brethren shall manage the farm, and Sisters the kitchen.
6. Brethren shall manage the Barn & stock, and Sisters the washing, Wash house work &c.
7. The Elder brethren shall order and direct

what kind of summer hats the brethren shall wear. But worked braid and split straw hats are very unprofitable and unsuitable.

8. Sisters shall not go to washing till time to get up in the summer; and in the winter till they can see to wash without candles.

9. The water may be put a heating half an hour before time to get up in the summer and at geting up time in the winter.

10. Sisters shall not go to ironing till it is light enough to iron without a candle in the room. One Sister shall not go alone to make a fire in the ironing room before geting up time.

11. Sisters shall have their nice habits and fine cloaks of the same quality of cloth, that the brethren have their fine coats and jackets.

12. The Deaconess shall have a right to go out to purchase the cotton cloth, cotton yarn, muslin, thread, silk cloth, and silk thread, pins, needles, scissors, thimbles, &c. They shall also have a voice and right in the purchase of glass & earthern ware.

13. Sisters shall not go to New York or Philadelphia to trade.

14. Those who stand in care in temporal things shall always keep in the family a good supply: if obtainable of wheat, corn, rye and oats, salt, beef, pork, potatoes, green or dried apples, green or dried pumpkins; butter and cheese; coffe and tea, sugar and molasses, lard, eggs and lamp oil: All these things ye shall keep when they can be got at a reasonable price.

15. And if any of these things that ye have to buy, are so dear that ye cannot purchase them, ye shall make it known to them who stand in care.
16. The Deacons and Deaconesses, shall see that all these things are prudently and well used, and taken care of.
17. If in any branch of business, the brethren need help from the Sisters, or the Sisters from the brethren it shall be done by the union of the Elders & Eldresses, Deacons and Deaconesses.

Section XVII.

The Order as it respects open lights &c.

1. Ye shall boil no Oil or varnish in the Shops, have a suitable place prepared out of doors.
2. Ye shall burn your Chimneys once a year, and that must if possible, be done when the soot first comes every season.
3. Ye shall not smoke under an hour previous to leaving your Shops, never empty or knock out your pipe in the spit box, or at any time smoke in an uninhabited room, or go from room to room or from place to place, while you are smoking.
11. Ye shall not empty ashes after dinner; nor ever take them up in a wooden vessel: neither set them away in any closet or cupboard: nor any uninhabited room.
5. Never carry fire in an open thing from one building to another.

6 Ye shall not take your lanterns into the hay mow, nor open them on the barn floor, nor any other dangerous place.

7. Ye shall not carry open lights into your garrets or clothes rooms. Ye shall not hold open light over drawers, baskets of shavings, or wood boxes.

8. Ye shall not leave the stove door open when ye leave the room! not even the little door.

9. Be prudent and saving of your wood, lamp oil and candles. Remember wood is growing scarce, lamp oil costs money, and tallow will always be a scarce article.

Section XVIII.

The Order as it respects Door yards, Farms &c.

1. Brethren and Sisters shall turn out in the Spring, and clean up the door yards and high way.

2. Ye shall throw no dirty rubish into the door-yards, nor high way. Such as apple cores, or peelings bits of broken glass, earthern, Iron or tin &c &c.

3. No driving sheep or any cattle carelessly thro the door yards, nor feeding of horses and cattle. If such creatures are to be driven thro let it be done with care and attention.

4. Mow your door yards twice a year.

5. Ye shall not cut up your door yards into little by paths and cross roads, but walk on the stone and plank paths that are provided. Rough stone paths

are the most suitable for your door yards.

5. Ye shall not use Picket fence, only to enclose the Meeting House. A plain board fence is quite good enough, & sufficient any where else.

6. In the Spring mend your fences thro out your door yards and farms. In the summer you shall clean the highway once a week.

7. Keep your gates shut. And ye shall never leave them open, unlep ye are teaming in sight of them or coming with your teams in half an hour; and fifteen minutes is long enough on such occasions except in the winter season.

8. When ye are about the farm, and have occasion to pass through gates or bars, see that they are left secure and in good Order. If you find gates open bars down or fences broken or down, put them in order if you can consistantly; if you cannot you shall inform those set in order to take care of them as soon as you return.

9. Ye shall put all your implements of labour, Carts, Waggons, Sleighs, or sleds &c. in good order, and in their proper places saturday nights; and have this done in season, to gather into the house, clean up and have all things set in order by retireing time.

Section XIX.

The Order of Christmas, Thanks Giving days &c.

1. On christmas. ye shall make reconciliation one with anothter. All grudges, hard felings, or disaffected

fellings, towards one another, shall be this day setled, forgiven, and eternally left behind.

2. Ye shall attend meeting; give what ye have to the poor of this world, and keep it as the Sabbath, till four oclock in the afternoon, then ye may go to work as on other evenings.

3. Ye shall attend one meeting on thanks-giving day, and the rest of the time shall be employed in cleaning up and putting things in order, and ye shall in no wise slight this important duty.

4. Ye shall not get up the teams and go to work on the farm this day.

Section XX.

The Order as it respects painting and varnishing

1. A trusty and suitable hand shall be provided to take care of the paint.

2. Ye shall paint the Meeting house white on the out side, and blue on the inside. Ye shall paint the rest of your houses, and Shops as near one color as consistent.

3. Ye shall not paint out buildings, such as barns sheds and shovels, unless you have poor paint, unfit for any thing else, and it should not be of the same color as the rest of the buildings are.

4. Ye shall have the stain in your dwelling house an Oranye color, and your Shops the same only a shade darker, your floors in the dwelling house,

shall be of a redish yellow, and those at the Shops of a yellowish red. Not to dark.

5. And these are the things which ye shall in no wise, use paint stain or Oil upon.

Cart bodies, Sleds, Wheelbarrows, hand Sleds, Gates, fence boards; Milking stools; Cutting boards, spool boards, Broom handles, Mop handles, Hoe handles, Baskets, Fork stales, Rake stales, Spining Wheels, nor Wheel Pins,

6. And these are the things upon which ye shall in no wise use Varnish. The wood work of your dwelling house, and shops, Drawers, and Cupboards, small boxes used among yourselves, Chests, Cutting boards, Spool boards, yard Sticks, Rulers, or wheel pins,

7. And these are the things upon which ye may put Varnish. Cooper ware, Tables, Stands, Baskets made of Palm Leaves prepared for sale.* Looking Glass frames, Hats, and Bonets, Waggons & Sleighs of superior quality, for visiting, may have a light coat of Varnish.

Section XXII.

The Order of Beasts, kept and used by Believers.

1. Ye shall not keep nor allow to be kept a Station.

2. Ye shall not sell horses to the world, after they have faithfully served you many years, and became so old and decrepit they are unable to work.

* Small wooden Boxes, stained for sale,

3 Ye shall not sell cattle for working beast, after age or infirmity has rendered them incapable of the service you require.

4. Ye shall not keep cats in your Ships, or rooms, but it is generally necessary to keep one cat about the kitchen

5. Ye shall not idolize, associate nor play with cats. Ye shall not keep dogs, except it be in some families, or family thought best at some certain time or on some particular occasion.

6. Ye shall not keep any beast that is ugly, and ill tempered, and needs an extravigant portion of whiping ye had better sell such beast to the children of the world.

7. Ye shall not cruelize, torter nor afflict any part of the brute creation with which God has blest you with. Neither shall ye make unnecessary freedom with them, nor idolize and play with them.

8. Ye shall not suffer horned cattle and horses to run in one pasture to gether, nor Sheep & hogs.

9. Eighteen fatened swine are sufficient for the years stock of one hundred and fifty people. Let the rest of your meat be Beef, Veal & Mutton.

Section XXII

Rules and counsel, Law and Order, respecting many things.

1. Ye shall not harm garments of men nor women, brethren nor Sisters, on the fence against the Door.

2. Ye shall not hang clothes nor any thing else out of the windows, nor suffer your curtains to be blown out.

3. Ye shall not leave clothes spread, or hung out, in sight of the road or Office over night. Ye shall not do any thing that will tempt the children of this world to steal of your goods, nor of your Stores.

4. Ye shall see that all of your buildings are safely secured, when ye leave them for the night.

5. Brethren and Sisters shall not hap each other upon the stairs.

6. Ye shall not spit upon your walks, nor above all upon your floors.

7. Ye shall not spit nor throw water out of your windows.

8. Ye shall not pass carelessly over a pin, nor a kernal of grain, thinking it to small for you to ~~stoop~~ stop and pick up. Remember if you do, your Heavenly Father will consider you quite to small to bestow his blessing upon.

9. Ye shall not turn away the poor of this world, who seek alms of you, knowing your Heavenly Father will provide for you.

10. Ye shall not call your own a tree, or a plant, brute beast or a fowl, that God has created: For God never intended his creation, to be devoted to selfish and mean purposes.

11. Ye shall not call the beasts, by the same name that ye do each other.

12. Ye shall not nick name each other, nor,

call each other, by your last names, adding doctor, or friend &c.

13. If brethren shake hands with women of the world, or Sisters with men of the world, they shall open the same to their Elders before attending meeting.

14. Brethren and Sisters shall not shake hands together, neither shall ye offer to shake hands with the children of this World.

15. Brethren and Sisters shall not unnecessarily touch each other.

16. All trying of strength, wrestling, scuffling, butting, striking or fighting in any sense of the word, is utterly forbidden by the power of truth.

17. When ye wish for a favor from each other, ye shall handsomely ask for it, in this way. Will you be so kind as to do me this favor? to do this or that whatever it may be.

18. When ye receive favors, ye shall express your thanks by saying "I kindly thank you!" and when ye return the compliment ye shall say, "You are kindly welcome!"

19. When you salute each other it shall be in this manner. Brother A how do you do? I am well Brother B. how are ye? Make one another welcome home when they have been gone any length of time.

20. Each and every individual shall at all times open to their Elders any disorderly words or actions they may see or hear, if they do not the sin will become their own, and the condemnation there of will be heaped upon their own heads.

2.1. All lying, back bitiny, tale bearing. or talking from room to room or from Shop to Shop, by brethren or by Sisters, are utterly forbiden in the Holy house of God.

2.2. Slamming doors gates, loud talking and heavy walking, never belongs within the house of God, or among His People. Every one shall work dilligently with their hands, according to the strength of their body.

2.3. When brethren and Sisters go to each others rooms, they shall wrap at the door, but when brethren go to brethrens rooms, and Sisters to Sisters rooms, they shall halt at the door and ask if they may come in. But this is not the Order or duty of the Ministry and Elders.

2.4. Remember that drones or sluggards are not the inmates of the temple of God.

2.5. If ye are so careless as to get to sleep in retiring time ye shall rise and make fire bows, if ye do not do this the Elder in the room, shall remind you; if you do not receive their word, they shall make the thing known to the Elders and there leave it.

2.6. Improve all your mornings and evenings, and all your odd minutes, Spen all your time in doing something that will be profitable & useful.

Section XXIII.

The Order as it respects the dead and the layin out of a Corpse.

1. When you se the spirit is departing, and a person is breathing his or her last, Ye shall knel down around the bed in solemn prayer to your Heavenly Father that in his mercy he may send some good spirit to receive the departed One.
2. In an hour after the breath has left the body, ye may commence laying out the Corpse in the fear of God.
3 It is the duty of the Elders to lead and direct the funeral; and the duty of the Deacons to oversee the Interment of the Corpse. So far as circumstances will permit.
4. Ye shall not bring up the faults and failings of the dead; to talk and converse upon. For this is displeasing to departed spirits, and to your Heavenly Parents, and to God your Heavenly Father.
5. Always keep still and keep the fear of God when there is a corpse in the family, for the Heavenly host is then near you.
6. Ye shall dress a Male Corpse, with a Shirt & winding Sheet a handkerchief on the neck, and a Muffler if needed. If the hair is so gone from the head that it is necessary, put a small white handkerchief on the head tied or fastened behind.
7. Upon the corps of a Female, in addition to

the winding Sheet &c. Ye shall put a cap, collar and handkerchief.

6. Always attend to the Law of the State, as to the length of time ye keep a Corpse.

Section XXIV.

The Order as it respects the Holy Worship of God.

1. Ye shall at all times present yourselves to worship God, with clean hands pure hearts, and a justified conscience. The Holy Laws of Zion, the voice and power of Eternal Truth, doth solemnly and utterly forbid that any soul should go forth to worship when under the condemnation of sin.

2. And whosoever shall knowingly violate or break any of the Holy Laws or Orders contained in this Book, it shall be counted as sin unto them, untill it is honestly confessed and put away in Christ.

3 Ye shall dress in uniform as far as is consistent, when you assemble to worship God, No dirty, nor ragged clothes to be worn into Meeting. Nor frocks of any kind to the publick meeting.

4 All laughing, sneering, hunching, mocking, winking or blinking, is in the worship of God utterly forbiden.

5 No one shall stand with the body stiff and the lipse closed, in time of Singing.

6. When ye go forth in the march, ye shall bend your knees, and motion with your bodies up & down.

7. When ye go forth in Regular manner, ye shall take three steps of equal length, seting your feet strait forward, at the turn forward and back, bend your knees, and make your taps solid and firm.

8. Brethren shall take the whole shuffle; proper and solid, Sisters the half Shuffle. Stiff will, bondage and pride have no part in the works and worship of God, nor the soul that practiseth them.

9. When ye kneel in prayer, ye shall bend the right knee first, when ye rise up brethren shall rise on the right, and Sisters on the left foot.

10. When ye go forth in Holy Order, brethren shall set out with the left foot, and Sisters with the right. But in other exercises, all shall set out with their right foot. (ie) the Heavenly March, Traveling manner, The Circular, or quick dance.

11. When ye stand in worship, in time of speaking, ye shall keep perfectly still; and when ye fold your hands, ye shall put your right thumb on the top. No gaping or yawning ever should be done in Holy worship. Ye shall stand in straight ranks.

12. And as the Elders gift is to lead and direct the worship of God in all things, so it will be their duty to see that the true gift of singing, which is solid, heavenly and melodious, is kept, and handed down from generation to generation.

13. The leading gift belongs to the brethren and with them it must ever remain.

14. The Elders shall require every one to be active simple and free in the worship of God. The meeker

and scoffer, the Slugard and drone, shall in no wise pass unpunished, if they do in this world, remember they will not in the world to come, for God doth require that ye offer to Him the richest and best that ye have, even Zeal, sincerity & purity of heart. Not Wanton pride, carnality hypocracy, and deceit.

15. None shall stay out of meeting only by permision of the Elders: nor go out, only on account of sickness, or hoard cough, or some other important necesity.

Section XXV.

The Order of the Sabbath.

1. Ye shall do no unnecesary hand labor on the Sabbath day, but ye shall keep it holy and Sacred unto the Lord your God.

2. Ye shall do no shaving, cutting of hair, or nail black-ing or greesing of Shoes, or washing of feet on the Sabbath.

3. When the Sun sets the Sisters may go to the wash house, to pick over the dirty clothes ready for washing.

4. Ye shall not walk in the garden, lots or Orchards, on the Sabboth.

5. Ye shall not go to your shops, unlss it be on a very short errand; never spend more than five or ten minutes at your Shops, without liberty from

your Elders. Keep in the dwelling house, and mostly in your rooms.

6. Ye shall have no riding out, nor visiting from room to room, nor from place to place going on, on the Sabbath. But when ye have visitors with you from other places, Sabbath afternoon is a good and suitable time to visit them.

7. Ye may improve your Sabbath days in writing hymns, Anthems and Journals, of Sacred things &c. But nothing of a temporal nature is to be done on the Sabbath. In any part of the Church, or my Zion on Earth.

8. Ye may after the first meeting read the Bible, and such books as have been published by believers, but no other books, balleds or pamphlets.

9. Ye shall do no baking of bread, pies &c, and no boiling, bakeing, warming, or frying of fish nor meat on the Sabbath.

10. Ye shall walk on your tip toes, when you enter the dwelling house Saturday afternoon and Sabbath days: And always take off your hats.

11. Ye shall not converse unnecessarily upon what is going on in the world. No telling of stories that ye may read, or hear read or collected from the hands or tounges of the wicked and unclean.

12. No loud or boisterous laughing, or talking is to be heard on the Sabbath, but ye shall keep the fear of God in all your goings forth, remember it is a Holy day to the Lord.

A few words respecting the brethrens wearing apparel.

No Tunicks are to be made at all. Or any kind of Coats, different from the uniform Pattern at New Lebanon. Which admits of no Surtout coats.

Great Coats are not to be faced with black of any kind, neither are the belts to be bound over the edge; the edges are to be turned down and faced with the same, or some other kind of fulled cloth. The collars are to be faced with something as near the color of the coat as can be got: and bound over the edge no wider than to sew it down decently: (Cotton Velvet is the most suitable.)

No round jackets are to be made among believers, not even for the Children over 7 or 8 years old.

No mettle buttons are to be put on Great Coats,
* or Jackets. There is a kind of horn or Ivory buttons near a drab color, and some dark of the same kind that will do to put on thin blue jackets these with covered buttons are thought to be sufficient. These are all to be plain, and those covered are to be as near as posible like the garment. No Stalks, or gay handkerchiefs are to be worn on the neck. Neither is black silk handkerchiefs or false collars to be worn by any that unites in Meeting: except it be some one that has just come in among believers.

No red Comforters are to be worn, nor any
* Surtouts, Straight bottled Coats,

Yellow, Red, (or gay, checked) pocket handkerchiefs ever carried into meeting, except by some new comer, those that are got may be worn out or given to the poor, but never get any more.

No double fall trowsers with side pockets in them, are to be made. No black Jackets, or blue fulled cloth are to be made.

A few words respecting Prudence, Carefulness and Economy.

It is the duty of every one, wherever they are to strive to be careful, prudent and saving of every thing that they use, or have any charge of.

Never leave your tools of any kind, out of doors or about any where; where they will be exposed to receive injury or be a temptation to the wicked.

See that your buildings are well Locked & fastened, and the keys put in a safe place.

Look well to your fires in every case & place, then you can look with confidence for protection.

Never sweep up the stove hearth with a corn husk or broom, nor a fire place without wetting your broom.

You must not take a good broom to sweep of the Snow from the door steps or walks; Nor a little fire Shovel to clear the Snow and Dirt from of the Steps and walks.

When you take up Ashes in a Stove always leave enough to cover the bottom or hearth.

Directions how to lay out a Corpse.

If a brother prepare a Corpse as follows
Put on a decent Shirt, whitened and
Pressed in the nicest manner, plate the
bosom as low down as will come in
sight, a new or decent fine white hand-
kerchief about the neck; A decent fine
Sheet, is to be wraped around the body.
If the hair is gone from the head, place
a small thin handkerchief on the head.
For some cases a Ruffle may be needed.

If a Sister put on a decent Shirt, a
good fine collar, a new or decent thin
white handkerchief, a good fine Cap, and
a fine white Sheet wraped around the
body.

All the above things are to be kept on
hand, ready prepared for any sudden
case or call. With large white cloths for
all necessary uses

The napkin, with a cloth to spread
over the Corpse, and the one to spread
over the Coffin, must be kept on hand
with the above mentioned things.

All the above grave Cloths, when pre-
pared, should be colored as near alike,
respecting blueing as can be.

Witness.

This Holy written an Sealed covenant, We, the first-chosen and Anointed of God, do solemnly testify to be true and unshaken truths.

And to this we bear witness in the presence of God, and place our names and Seals for-ever to remain.

Ann Lee.

William Lee.

James Whittaker.

Written signed and Sealed by the wise and hands of

Joseph Meacham.

Lucy Wright.

We the present Ministry of the Church of Christ at Hancock, Enfield and Tyringham, do solemnly and conscientiously own and acknowledge, our full faith and approbation of the foregoing Holy Orders and Covenent, which have ben given by divine Revelation, & Sanctioned, signed and sealed by our Blessed Parents in Eternity. And we do Solemnly promise, in the presence of God and, our Heavenly Parents faithfully to support and maintain the same from this time hence-forth, as far as wisdom will admit.

In testimony whereof we thankfully set our names and affix our Seals to the same this twenty fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and forty one.

Lafayandana Goodrich. Nathaniel Deming.
Lafayandana Brewster. Grove Wright.

We the present Elders in this Family do solemnly and Conscientiously, own and acknowledge, our full faith and approbation of the foregoing Holy Orders and Covanent. which have ben sanctioned, signed and sealed, by our Heavenly Parents in Eternity, and also by our Hoped Ministry.
And we do Solemnly promise in the presence of God and our Heavenly Parents, faithfully to support and maintain the same, from this time henceforth and forever, according to the gift and counsel of our Lord.
In testimony whereof we thankfully set our names and affix our Seals this eleventh day of February eighten hunured forty two.

Agnes Munsell. Elisha Allen.
Sarah Benton. Medad Smith.